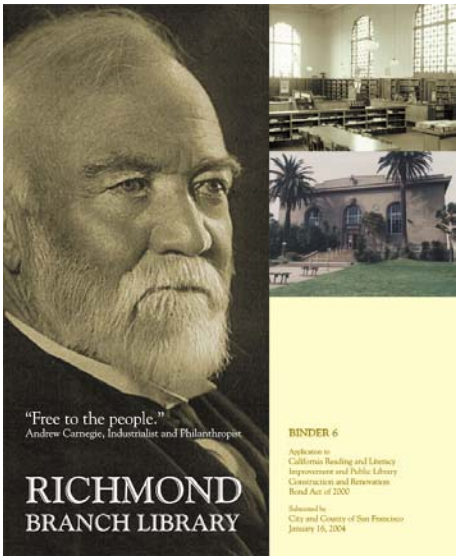

CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO PROPOSITION 14 APPLICATION

RICHMOND BRANCH LIBRARY

Fund request:	$ 5,958,841
Type of project:	Renovation and Expansion
Priority:	Second Priority
Size:	13,820 square feet

Location:	351 - 9th Avenue near Clement Street
Existing square footage:	9,820 square feet
Neighborhood ethnicity:	White 52% Asian American 40% Hispanic/Latino 5%
Languages spoken at home:	20% Asian & Pacific Island, 6% Other Indo-European (such as Russian)
Total project cost:	$9,223,677
Joint Uses:	Not applicable for renovation projects
Service Area Population Change:	
1980 to 2000	8%
2000 to 2020	5%

Community context and site selection:
The Richmond Branch is a 1914 building built with a grant from Andrew Carnegie, the great American library philanthropist. It seems fitting that the Proposition 14 bond funds would be used to support the historically sensitive expansion and complete refurbishing of this landmark architectural structure. Very few renovations have been funded by Proposition 14 and no Carnegies. The community was heavily involved in the design of the addition which meets the 21st century service needs and respects 20th century design. The population of the Richmond Branch has changed drastically over the years. 40% of the current population is Asian-American, with over 27% Chinese. There is the largest Russian community in San Francisco in the Richmond neighborhood, with Russian language materials representing over 10% of their circulation. The value placed on this library is exemplified by the recent grass roots community effort to name the branch after the late Senator Milton Marks, author of many earlier versions of proposed library construction ballot measures. Senator Marks was a Richmond resident and used this branch library throughout his career.

Plan highlights:
The project will add 4,000 much-needed square feet, provide for a complete renovation including seismic, ADA improvements, energy-efficient building systems, and technology upgrades while retaining the historical integrity of this landmark building

Architects:
Bureau of Architecture, Department of Public Works, City & County of San Francisco